(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) सरकार ने इस संबंध में क्या निर्णय किया है ?

संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० एम० जैकब) : (क) से (ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सदन के पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

Export of Defence Equipment

4061. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:

SHRI RADHAKISHAN MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to export the defence equipments during the years 1992 and 1993;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount of foreign exchange likely to be earned due to such export; and

(c) what is the likely export/import ratio of defence equipments?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Government have already initiated steps to export defence equipments.

(b) Defence export covers a wide range of items manufactured by the Ordnance Factory Board and Defence Public Sector Undertakings. The value of exports (including deemed export) by the defence production units in 1991-92 was Rs. 101.26 crore. An export target (including deemed export) of Rse. 120 crore has been fixed for the defence production units during 1992-93 and it is expected that the foreign exchange earnings during 1992-93 through exports by defence production units will be as per the target fixed.

(c) It is not in public interest to disclose the information.

Entering Commercial Market by Ordnance Factories

4062. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government run Ordnance Factories in the country which were hitherto catering exclusively the needs of defence forces have decided to enter the commercial market in the country and abroad;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the names of countries to which the arms and ammunition is likely to be exported?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) Ordnance factories cater primarily to defence forces. The policy of the Government is to promote mutually reinforcing linkages between ordnance factories and the civil sector by (i) providing the civil sector access to technological capabilities in the ordnance factories, (ii) involving the civil sector in production of components required for defence equipment and (iii) responding to demand for products in the civil sector, including export markets.

(c) This it would not be in public interest to disclose.

Stoppage of purchase orders for new items by CSD

4063. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Canteen Stores Depot has stopped placing orders of certain newly introduced items in the last six months;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the C.S.D. has been ignoring the recommendations of Unit Run Canteens; and

(c) if so, what measures are proposed to be taken to review the functioning of Canteen Stores Depot?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) The Canteen Stores Department (CSD) have not stopped placement of orders for newly introduced items, except those which are proposed to be deleted from the C.S.D. inventory, as per the decision of the CSD management.

(b) The requirements of Unit Run Canteens (URCs) are taken note of and are met by CSD to the maximum extent possible.

(c) Does not arise.

4064. (Tranferred to 17th December, 1992)

Non-Payment of Dues to SSI Units by CSD

4065. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount due by Canteen Stores Department to small scale sector and tiny sector units for their stocks as on this date;

(b) whether it is a fact that such SSI units and tiny sector units are not getting their payments as per the terms and contracts set out with CSD;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the region-wise dues from CSD to the SSI and tiny units as on date?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) An amount of Rs. 1.48 crores payable to small scale units supplying stores to the Canteen Stores Department (CSD) has been withheld for adjustment against refund due to the C.S.D. for unsold and slow moving stocks, contractually required to be taken back by the supplier.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) As CSD purchases are centralised by the C.S.D. headquarters at Bombay, region-wise details of pending payments are not maintained.

Plight of an Army Personnel

4066. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to a news item captioned "Kashmir Me Ek Karod Ka Sona Pakarwane Wale Fauji Ki Dastan" which appeared in 'Jansatta' Delhi edition of 20th November, 1992;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action is being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (c) The Government have seen the said news item. This news report pertains to an Army officer who was cashiered from service, besides being sentenced to 7 years Rigorous Imprisonment, on the charge of improperly and without authority removing money from civilians, while on cordon and search operations in Srinagar, on the basis of the findings of a Summary General Court Martial. The allegation regarding seizure of gold biscuits was also investigated but was not substantiated.